

## FIRE DISTRICTS AND FIRE SERVICE AREAS

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### Department Overview

Fire Districts and Fire Service Areas are areas of the county where residents petitioned County Commission to create a district or service area to support the areas fire suppression needs.

The difference between a district and a service area is the method used to calculate revenue. A District's revenue comes from the imposition of a mill levy on all the property in the district. A Fire service area generates revenue by charging a fee on each property having a qualifying structure located on it.

Fire districts / fire service areas are administered by elected or appointed board of trustees. Trustees have the authority to provide adequate and standard firefighting and emergency response apparatus, equipment, personnel, housing and facilities for the protection of the district. Trustees prepare annual budgets and request special levies, based on state budget laws the trustees and county must adhere too.

The County Commission and trustees of fire districts continue to be concerned about the Department of Revenue's method of identifying New Construction Values within districts. The method appears to be flawed in that several districts had significant increase in valuation with less than half identified as coming from New Construction.

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### Department Goals

- Dedicated to providing prompt, efficient and progressive emergency services to the citizens of each district and service area.
  - To be creative and innovative with our resources.
  - Provide adequate firefighting and emergency response apparatus and equipment.
  - Retain qualified personnel.
  - Continue to provide adequate housing and facilities for the protection of the equipment and staff of the districts.
  - Strive to meet the challenges of today and anticipate the needs of tomorrow.
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### Recent Accomplishments

Object of Expenditure	Actual FY 2005	Final FY 2006	Actual FY 2006	Request FY 2007	Preliminary FY 2007	Final FY 2007
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Budget by Fund Group						
General Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Special Revenue Funds	-	-	-	-	-	-
Debt Service Funds	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Project Funds	-	-	-	-	-	-
Enterprise Funds	-	-	-	-	-	-
Internal Service Funds	-	-	-	-	-	-
Trust & Agency Funds	5,163,495	5,204,656	4,196,373	7,159,870	6,384,899	6,756,201
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 5,163,495</b>	<b>\$ 5,204,656</b>	<b>\$ 4,196,373</b>	<b>\$ 7,159,870</b>	<b>\$ 6,384,899</b>	<b>\$ 6,756,201</b>

Tax Revenues	\$ 2,224,331	\$ 3,195,062	\$ 2,830,194	\$ 3,520,873	\$ 3,520,873	\$ 3,520,873
Non-Tax Revenues	1,896,521	1,716,332	1,918,140	1,783,768	1,783,768	1,741,998
Cash Reappropriated	1,042,643	1,019,051	(551,961)	1,855,229	1,080,258	1,493,330
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 5,163,495</b>	<b>\$ 5,930,445</b>	<b>\$ 4,196,373</b>	<b>\$ 7,159,870</b>	<b>\$ 6,384,899</b>	<b>\$ 6,756,201</b>

No	FT/PT	Title	FTE
Total Program FTE			0.00

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## 2007 Budget Highlights

## Personnel

- Employees are not paid through the County Human Resources system. Therefore changes in personnel are not tracked nor can they be tracked at the present time.

## Operations

- Fort Ellis Fire Service Area Board of Trustees requested an increase in Per Unit fees by \$20.00, from \$80 / unit to \$100 per unit. The County Commission will make a decision on the increase on August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2006.

## Capital

- Total capital outlay includes planning for future buildings, construction of needed structures and replacement of enhancement of existing fire fighting and emergency response equipment.

Description	Budget	Cash Reserved	Res. %	Total Requirement	Cash	Non-Tax Revenues	Taxes Needed	Mill Value	FY 2007 Mills	FY 2006 Mills
<b>Fire Districts and Areas:</b>										
7200 Central Valley Fire	1,612,207	11,160	0.69%	1,623,367	212,556	348,674	1,062,137	30,742	34.55	33.46
7201 Reese Creek	-	-	0.00%	-	(91)	91	-	-	\$ -	\$ -
7202 Rae	334,178	-	0.00%	334,178	6,858	-	327,320	1,903.00	\$ 172.00	\$ 172.00
7203 Springhill	111,550	17,667	0.00%	129,217	16,585	108,225	4,407	83.00	\$ 53.10	\$ 53.10
7204 Fort Ellis	332,430	-	0.00%	332,430	19,778	222,652	112,500	1,125	\$ 100.00	\$ 80.00
7205 Sourdough	343,037	49,894	14.54%	392,931	59,692	-	333,239	8,750	38.09	37.74
7206 Manhattan	230,259	-	0.00%	230,259	122,435	10,300	97,524	1,612	60.51	57.34
7207 Sedan	34,200	2,986	8.73%	37,186	32,304	2,500	2,382	273	8.73	8.37
7208 Three Forks	90,264	1,984	2.20%	92,248	15,207	31,237	45,804	3,817	12.00	19.11
7209 Willow Creek	71,000	8,938	12.59%	79,938	34,836	550	44,552	1,059	42.09	30.37
7210 Story Mill	16,839	1,116	6.63%	17,955	359	-	17,596	411	42.79	42.94
7213 Gallatin Canyon	2,201,500	129,044	5.86%	2,330,544	687,681	852,819	790,044	30,221	26.14	26.17
7214 Northside Rural Fire Dist.	200,288	5,583	2.79%	205,871	112,997	2,500	90,374	1,697	53.24	51.86
7215 Gallatin Gateway	430,650	28,542	6.63%	459,192	152,487	24,500	282,205	7,591	37.18	35.35
7216 Bridger	294,695	-	0.00%	294,695	156,157	14,100	124,438	3,038	40.96	39.11
7217 Amsterdam	227,561	32,312	14.20%	259,873	123,296	8,000	128,577	3,334	38.57	38.57
7218 Clarkston	105,828	-	0.00%	105,828	625	91,150	14,053	211.00	\$ 66.60	\$ 66.60
7219 Gallatin River Ranch	119,715	1,212	0.00%	120,927	30,004	24,700	66,223	551	120.12	116.18
<b>subtotal fire</b>	<b>6,756,201</b>	<b>290,438</b>		<b>7,046,639</b>	<b>1,783,768</b>	<b>1,741,998</b>	<b>3,520,873</b>			

A majority of Fire Districts requested the Commission increase the amount of tax to the maximum. They include – Central Valley (formerly Rural Belgrade), Sourdough, Gallatin Gateway, Bridger, and Gallatin River Ranch. The districts requesting the Commission to levy less than the maximum are Three Forks, and Amsterdam.

The Finance Office identified an error in the Three Forks Fire District Budget after adoption of the Final Budget. The error will require an amendment to the budget that includes the required bond payment.

Rae Fire Service Area has requested a \$194.28 per unit fee up from the current \$172.00 per unit fee. Fort Ellis Fires Service Area has requested an increase from \$80.00 to a \$100.00 per unit fee. These requests will be decided by the County Commission after proper notice, public hearing and consideration by the County Commission.

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## WORKLOAD INDICATORS/PERFORMANCE MEASURERS

## Workload Indicators

Indicator	Actual FY 2004	Actual FY 2005	Actual FY 2006	Projected FY 2007
1 . Number and frequency of calls reported 2 . Demands on system for priority responses 3 . Increase in number and length of major incidents				

## Performance Measures

Measure	Actual FY 2004	Actual FY 2005	Actual FY 2006	Projected FY 2007
Still in development stage.				

## Commentary